

**In the Claims:**

Claims 1-16. (Canceled)

Claim 17. (Previously Presented) A nucleic acid sequence encoding a modified variant of a wild type coat protein of a bacteriophage, wherein said modified variant consists of:

- (a) one or more parts of said wild type coat protein of a bacteriophage, wherein one of said parts comprises at least that part which causes or allows the incorporation of said coat protein into the phage coat; and
- (b) between one and six additional amino acid residues not present at the corresponding amino acid positions in a wild type coat protein of a bacteriophage, wherein one of said additional amino acid residues is a cysteine residue.

Claim 18. (Herein amended) A nucleic acid sequence ~~encoding a modified variant of a wild type coat protein of a bacteriophage, wherein said modified variant consists of~~

- ~~(a) one or more parts of said wild type coat protein of a bacteriophage, wherein one of said parts comprises at least that part which causes or allows the incorporation of said coat protein into the phage coat;~~
- ~~(b) between one and six additional amino acid residues not present at the corresponding amino acid positions in a wild type coat protein of a bacteriophage, wherein one of said additional amino acid residues is a cysteine residue; and~~

according to claim 17, further comprising:

- (c) one or more peptide sequences for purification and/or detection purposes.

Claim 19. (Herein amended) A vector comprising the nucleic acid sequence of claim 17 ~~or~~ 18.

Claim 20. (Previously Presented) The vector of claim 19, further comprising one or more nucleic acid sequences encoding a (poly)peptide/protein comprising a second cysteine residue.

Claim 21. (Previously Presented) The vector of claim 20, wherein said (poly)peptide/protein comprises an immunoglobulin or a functional fragment thereof.

Claim 22. (Herein amended) A host cell comprising the nucleic acid sequence of claim 17 ~~or 18, the vector of any one of claims 19 to 21.~~

Claim 23. (Herein amended) A modified variant of a wild type coat protein of a bacteriophage encoded by a nucleic acid sequence ~~of claim 17 or 18, the vector of any one of claims 19 to 21, or produced by the host cell of claim 22, wherein said modified variant consists~~ of:

- (a) one or more parts of said wild type coat protein of a bacteriophage, wherein one of said parts comprises at least that part which causes or allows the incorporation of said coat protein into the phage coat; and
- (b) between one and six additional amino acid residues not present at the corresponding amino acid positions in a wild type coat protein of a bacteriophage, wherein one of said additional amino acid residues is a cysteine residue.

Claims 24-31 (Canceled).